



THE WINDS
OCTOBER 15, 2025

IMPORTANT DATES

Oct. 16-17 **No School - MEA**
Oct. 22 Unity Day - wear orange
Oct. 22 Hearing and Vision Screenings
Oct. 23 Grade 5 Kindness Retreat
Oct. 22 Deephaven Leaders in Action, 2:45-3:45 (Grade 5)

[District Calendar](#)

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

No School on Thursday, October 16 and Friday, October 17 (MEA).

October 22 is Unity Day. Wear the color orange! Unity Day, started by PACER's National Bullying Prevention Center in October 2011, is the signature event of National Bullying Prevention Month. This is a day when we can come together to send a visible message of building commUNITY through kindness, acceptance, and inclusion. The call to action is simple: **wear and share the color orange**. This vibrant statement becomes a conversation starter, showing support for students who have been bullied and for bullying prevention.

Picture Day If your student missed taking their picture at Picture Days last week during conferences, Retake Day is Wednesday, November 12 during the school day.

Conferences were well attended by parents. We had 99.1% of our parents attend last week's conferences. Thank you for being a valued partner in the education of your child. Working as a team, we are able to educate your child more effectively and achieve higher educational outcomes. We look forward to continuing our partnership with you. Our staff is always open to hearing from you and willing to meet with you as needed.

Halloween – Your child's teacher will provide more details on how they will be celebrating Halloween.

Important Halloween Costume Message - Deephaven allows children to wear costumes during school, but wearing of masks, painted faces, disguises or grooming that limits or prevents identification of an individual is strictly prohibited. Also, weapons of ANY kind are NOT allowed in school, including look-alike weapons. We want Halloween to be enjoyable and safe for everyone!

Winter Gear – With the colder weather upon us, it is time to make sure your child is coming to school with their winter gear. Students are outside for 20-30 minutes a day unless the temperature or wind chill is minus 10 degrees Fahrenheit.

Change in plans? Please contact your child's teacher **prior to 2:00 p.m.** if you have a change in your child's end-of-the-day plans.

Left Turn – Traffic needs to continue to flow on Vine Hill Road during drop-off and pick-up times. **Please do not back up traffic waiting to make a left turn into Deephaven.** Arriving from the north and stacking along the boulevard is the best option.

CHARACTER STRONG

October Theme: Kindness

Kindness is the choice to use our time, actions, and resources to better the lives of others and ourselves! Kindness involves all the different ways we express care, concern, and consideration for ourselves and those with whom we share the world. This month we will pay attention to the opportunities we have to choose kindness.

SUPPORTING READING AT HOME

Create a Literacy-Rich Environment

- **Access to Books:** Ensure your home has a variety of age-appropriate books. [Visit the library regularly to keep the selection fresh.](#)
- **Model Reading:** Let your child see you reading regularly. [This sets a positive example and shows that reading is a valuable activity.](#)

FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

We need YOU!!!! Hearing and vision screening is fast approaching on Wednesday, Oct. 22nd. The Health Office still needs several volunteers to help with screening our 1st, 3rd & 5th graders. No previous experience is necessary, volunteers will be trained that day. Please check [Membership Toolkit](#) for details. We ask that you commit to the entire time frame as it will be a jam-packed day and it is difficult to train and insert volunteers once the process starts.

As Halloween approaches, please keep in mind our NO NUTS policy. Halloween can be a difficult time for students with life threatening food allergies. We would like to encourage you to consider non-food treats for Halloween. Peanuts and tree nuts tend to be found in many types of chocolates and other candies. Please consider any food allergies (egg, gluten, etc.) that may be in your child's classroom. We ask that you check all labels carefully before sending any food/ candy items to school. Thank you!

PTA PULSE

Volunteers Needed for Health Screenings - Oct 22 Volunteers needed to assist vision & hearing screenings for 1st, 3rd & 5th Grade students. No previous experience is necessary, volunteers will be trained that day. [Sign up in Membership Toolkit.](#)

DID YOU KNOW?

You're Invited: 4th Annual Community & Resource Night

Friday, November 21 from 6-8 p.m. at Minnetonka Middle School East

Families are welcome to attend the fourth annual Minnetonka Schools **Community & Resource Night on Friday, November 21 from 6-8 p.m.** at Minnetonka Middle School East.

The event gathers many of our area's incredible resources into one place and makes them available in a format that decreases barriers to access for families who would benefit from assistance with housing, healthcare,

counseling/mental health, food support, energy assistance, sports sign up and scholarships, technology support, school activities/academic support and more!

The event will also feature community-building activities for families who attend—such as games, crafts, bouncy houses, treats, prizes, cultural information booths and a pizza dinner. Language interpreters will be available, and free books will be shared with all attending families. [RSVP here!](#)

Questions? Contact: [School Social Workers](#).

Interested in volunteering? [Sign up here](#).

You're Invited! Spooky Science Saturday - 2025

Elementary students and families are invited to explore fall-themed science stations run by Minnetonka High School science students during this fun annual event. You can also launch paper rockets and watch a live science show. Costumes are encouraged! Three sessions are available on Saturday, Nov. 1: 9:30-11am, 10:15-11:45am, or 11am-12:30pm. The event will take place at Minnetonka High School (18301 Highway 7, Minnetonka MN 55345). [Families may register through Vanco for \\$5 per family](#). Scholarships are available, as well. Please email Dana.Severson@minnetonkaschools.org about scholarships or any other questions about the event.

From Apps to Laps: What Young Children Need From Us in a Digital World | An Evening with Erin Walsh

Minnetonka Community Education Center

Wednesday, Oct 22 | 6:00 - 8:00 PM

For families with children birth to Grade 3. Join Erin Walsh as she simplifies screen time advice for families with children birth–Grade 3, sharing research-based insights and practical strategies to help young children thrive in a digital world. [Learn more.](#)

Family Bingo Night

Minnetonka Community Education Center

Thursday, November 6 | 6:30 - 7:30 PM

Join us for the game that everyone loves, BINGO! It will be an evening filled with smiles and cheers as you connect with each other. Who will be the first to get 5 in a row? [Learn more.](#)

Adapted Family Night

Minnetonka Community Education Center

Thursday, Nov 13 | 6:00 - 7:00 PM

Play games, make crafts and explore sensory tables as a family. Find out how Minnetonka Community Education is planning to expand our adaptive enrichment and recreation classes for students with disabilities ages 5-17. [Learn more.](#)

Puzzle Fun Fest

Minnetonka Community Education Center

Monday, November 17 | 5:30 - 7:00 PM

Calling all jigsaw puzzle enthusiasts! Compete with other teams to put together a 500-piece puzzle! The fee includes the puzzle (yours to keep), pizza, and prizes! [Learn more.](#)

Unity Day

Unity Day was started back in 2011 as the signature event for National Bully Prevention Month

Wednesday, October 22nd

Unity Day is a national day of kindness, acceptance, and inclusion where students, schools, and communities unite to show that bullying has no place here. Join us in wearing orange on October 22nd, when staff and students come together to show UNITY against bullying.

Orange represents hope, warmth, and support for those who have experienced bullying. When we all wear orange together, we send a powerful message that we're committed to creating a safe and welcoming environment for everyone.

Encourage your child to wear orange clothing, accessories, or even just an orange ribbon. Let's show our community that kindness matters!

**WEAR
ORANGE**